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Lake Creek People

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# HYRUM AND LILA THOMPSON CHRISTENSEN



Hyrum A. Christensen was born March 8, 1885 at Heber, a son of Christian P. and Caroline Kofford Christensen. He married Lila Thompson on June 22, 1916. She was born August 30, 1898 at Heber, a daughter of William and Nancy Barnes Thompson. Hyrum and Lila were the parents of one daughter and four sons: Ellen (Mrs. Louis Lindsay), 2nd Mrs. Howard Ballard, LaMar who married Norma Lewis, Harold who married Dorothy Sevy, Garold who married Phyllis Jordan and Russell who married Lynile Schear. Hyrum died July 21, 1957.

An active farmer, Hyrum was successful as a stock raiser and land owner. He was an active worker in the Church and served 12 years as a counselor in the Center Ward bishopric. Lila has also been active in the Church, and has been an officer in all the Church auxiliary organizations. 1098

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Frederick Lewis Clegg, born Aug. 6, 1881, in Springville, Utah, died May 11, 1929; son of Henry and Ann Clegg.

Married to Emma Caroline Luke, born Aug. 29, 1861, Heber, Utah; died Dec. 30, 1937; daughter of Henry and Harriet Luke. Had 17 children.

He moved to Heber City when he was 10. The father heard of beautiful Provo Valley through an Uncle, Jonathan Clegg, who had previously moved to Heber. He reported that it was a prosperous place, that land could be homesteaded, that mines were opening up, and it was a good place for cattle and sheep.

The spring of 1872, just thirteen years

after the settlement of Heber, Henry and Ann Clegg with their large family arrived in Heber and camped on the ground that is now the City Ball Park. Three weeks later, the family moved to a lot on Second North and Main Street, where they lived in a one-room log house, a tent, and a dug-out. They remained there about six months and then moved to the lot where the Seminary now stands, and built a one-room log house. Other additions were added to the house from time to time and remained the family home until after the mother's death.

The father homesteaded a section of land east of Heber and later divided the land among his sons.

Fred L. worked on the farm, at his father's shingle mill, and hauled freight to Fort Duchesne.

He and his wife had 17 children. He was eager for knowledge and attended school after he was married and had a small family. He played an alto horn in the Heber Band for 14 years, and also took parts in local dramas.

He took a prominent part in the public affairs throughout his 37 years of residence in Heber. He was justice of the peace for 14 years, president of the board of education for four years, a member of the City Council, and acted as probation officer.

He did mason work on the Stake Tabernacle for two years at \$2.50 per day. He hauled timber to the Anchor Mine at Park City for five years, supervised road construction in Deer Creek, and was a progressive farmer and stock raiser. He was secretary of the Lake Creek Irrigation Co., for 25 years, county chairman of the Republican Party, and took a prominent part in the growth and development of the community.

He suffered a stroke and after 16 months of illness, died.

### EMMA CAROLINE LUKE CLEGG

She was the seventh child born in this valley. Her father was an Indian interpreter and many Indians came to their home to smoke the Peace Pipe. The Indians called him Chun-cun-a-bus, which meant cracked feet. He had to work barefooted in the fields and had chapped feet. His father was



killed and scalped by the Indians when he was on his way to Salt Lake City with a load of wheat and to attend conference.

The family lived in a dirt-roofed log cabin and when it rained the roof leaked and pans were used to catch the rain as it dripped through the mud roof. The father died when Carlie was six years old. She helped her mother weave, pulled weeds, helped get wood from the canyon, picked potatoes on shares, gleaned wheat and pulled sage; all to help with the earning of a living.

She attended school at the old rock, one-room school in the southwest part of town. Some of her teachers were: Charles Nugent, Charles Carroll, Henry Chatwin, William Buys and Henry Clegg.

When she was 14, she went to Salt Lake and worked at the Lion House for Brigham Young and Brigham Young Jr. She washed dishes, scrubbed floors, and went to the market and gardens for the family food.

When she was 21, she married Frederick Lewis Clegg. They built a family home at Sixth South and Main Street, where their 17 children were born.

Carlie was very anxious for her children to have a good education and worked hard and sacrificed to make this possible. Of their nine children who lived to maturity, three are college graduates, two have their masters degrees; and one an LL.B.

Two of their sons served on missions, and 23 of their posterity served in the armed forces. There are 105 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren from this union.



Because the settlers in Center Creek depended upon farming for their livelihood, irrigation waters were of utmost importance. Some of the earliest community cooperative projects, as well as some of the disputes, transpired because of the need for irrigation water.

The first settlers in the area laid claim to the water in Center Creek and also some of the smaller streams nearby. This meant that new families coming into the area either had to get permission from the older residents to use the water, or look elsewhere for their irrigation needs. The new settlers felt that there was ample water for everyone if it were to be distributed fairly, but try as they would, they couldn't persuade the original settlers to give up much of it.

As a result, many meetings were held in an effort to solve the problem, and it was finally resolved that the newer settlers would go into Center Creek Canyon and look for sites where reservoirs could be built to hold water that was just going to waste. They located and staked out six reservoir sites, and began the task of building the dams. However, the struggles were still not ended because the early settlers then attempted to stop them from filling the dams. Many lively meetings ensued before it was finally decided to organize a reservoir company in 1879 and subsequently the Center Creek Irrigation and Water Company in 1887. Now 72 years later these two companies were consolidated in 1962.

With the organization of the Irrigation Company, the settlement of disputes was left up to the officers and directors, who attempted to be as fair as possible. William Richardson Sr. was the first president of the company. Other officers were Parley Murdock, Archibald Sellers and George Hyrum Sweat.

While the community of Center Creek was growing, another community about two miles north of Center began to develop. This was known as Lake Creek, and began about 1877. Robert Lindsay and his wife Sarah Ann, and William Lindsay and his wife Mary, had been living in Heber, but decided to look around for a site where they might establish more permanent homes. They finally decided on a site three miles east of Heber, near a spring, and in 1877 moved from Heber to begin farming the rich soil.

They built log homes and lived close together until about 1883 when they decided it would be much easier to work the farm land if one family lived in the upper section. They drew lots to see who would move, and Robert got the "cut" to move. He built a two-room log house and later a large, two-story home for his family.

As these men found success in farming the Lake Creek land, others soon began to take up homesteads in the area. Some of these homesteaders included Bengt Peterson, James Nash, William Murdoch Sr., William Baird Sr. and John W. Crook.

An excellent sandstone quarry was developed on property owned by John Crook and Herbert Clegg. The stone was used to build many of



A home built from red sandstone area. This photograph was

the homes in Center Creek. Some of the buildings and County Court House all in Heber. The sandstone graves.

Lake Creek settlers' population began to grow. A committee was formed to formulate plans. By July, Mr. Broadhead was elected named secretary with Henry Clegg as director.

First stockholders: head, John Lee, Henry Phillips, John Baird, V. Lindsay, Milton and V. Peterson, Mrs. Elisha Blake, Mrs. William C. Nels and Ludwig Anderson, Rasmus Miller, Rasmus

For several years a separate school and church gradually assimilated in of that community.

Industry in Center Creek has largely centered around farming. However, one of the first sawmills in the valley was constructed in Center Creek Canyon by Henry McMullin, William M. Wall and James Adams.

A general store was opened by William Baxter, who also operated a creamery. He bought milk from the farmers, made it into butter and



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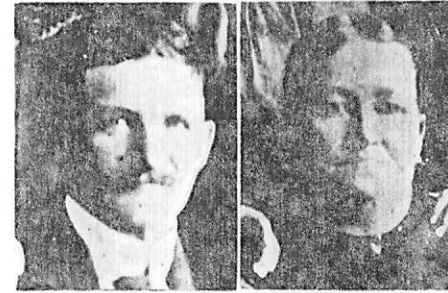
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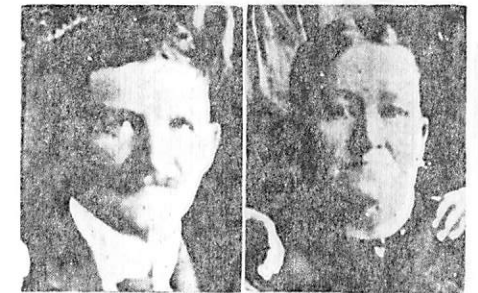
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## THOMAS GRIFFITH CLEGG

Thomas Griffith Clegg was born at Springville, Utah, 13 Sept. 1858, a son of Henry and Margaret Ann Griffith Clegg. He married Rachel Ann Sessions 2 Dec. 1880, in the Salt Lake Endowment House, Daniel H. Wells performing the ceremony. They had nine children.

He died January 2, 1929, and was buried in Heber Cemetery.

His picture is with Center Bishops.

He and his parents moved to Heber City, Utah, in 1872. He worked at many occupations, such as quarrying sandstone, of which many buildings, including the Stake Center, are built. He worked in the Clegg Shingle Mill east of Heber. He sang at various functions and played for dances on such instruments as the cornet and dulcimer. He and his brother Herbert built the dulcimer themselves. He also played the drum in the Heber Martial band.

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Thomas Griffith Clegg was baptized by Thomas Giles in Springville, Utah, September, 1886. After moving to Heber he was ordained an Elder on November 5, 1880; a Seventy, Feb. 15, 1885; a High Priest, and also set apart as second counselor to Bishop Alonzo A. Brim by Apostle Francis M. Lyman, Nov. 12, 1898. He was set apart by Apostle Lyman to preside as bishop of Center Ward, February 13, 1900, succeeding Bishop Brimm. He served in this capacity for four years. Prior to this time he served in many Church offices, a ward teacher for 12 years, president of the YMMIA for nine years; also as superintendent of Sunday Schools and choir leader.

He and his family moved to Taylor, Idaho, in 1903, where he was an ardent worker in the Church and became bishop of that ward. The family moved many times in the remaining years. They lived in Tilden, and several farms near and in Blackfoot. They moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1914. They later moved to Taylorsville, Utah, then to Orem, where he owned a fruit farm and worked as field representative for Pleasant Grove Cannery. Then they moved to Provo, Utah, where he worked for Provo city until he died.

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Survived by wife, of Lake Creek, and children: Gary C. Crook, American Fork; Joyce and Douglas Lawton, Santa Clara, UT; Marie Ann and Thomas Watkins, Sandy; Thomas Hugh and Bonnie Crook, Woodland; Monta Crook, Center Creek. 12 grandchildren. Step-mother Mrs. Isabelle Crook, Salt Lake City. Brother: Ferron Crook, Twin Falls, ID. Sister: Mrs. Russell (Veon) Price, Midway. Preceded in death by a brother, Harvey, and sisters, Leora Crook, and Mrs. Marjoria Provost.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Center Ward Chapel. Burial was in the Heber City Cemetery.



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Funeral services Monday, 11 a.m., in the Center World Chapel. Friends may call at Olpin Mortuary Sunday, 6-8 p.m., and at the church Monday one hour prior to services. Burial, Heber City Cemetery.

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June, Thursday, August 12, 1971

Carna T. Crook

LAKE CREEK, Wasatch County —

Camie Ann Crook, 41, died after a heart attack in a Hetherington hospital. Born Jan. 17, 1926, Charleston, W. Va.; married Dan and Alice; three daughters: Wanda, Thelma and Alice; Thacker married Calvin H. Crook, Jan. 31, 1946. Sall, Lake LBS Temple. Fol-



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Survivors: husband and sons.  
daughters, Gary C., Joyce, Marie Ann, Thomas Hugh, Gloria, all Lake County, brothers, Walter and John, all Lake County, sister, both Pleasant Grove; Lowell, Whiteforks, Uintah County; Floyd, Heber City; Mrs. David (Luella) Hellemell, Ogden; Mrs. Wesley (Valness) Stott, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Floyd (Lola) Barker, Midway; Mrs. Ernest (Ida) (Lapelle) Stokoy, Clearfield. Funeral services, Saturday 2 p.m., Heber 3rd-7th LDS Ward Chapel. Friends call Olm Mortuary, Heber City, Friday 7-9 p.m., at Ward Chapel, Saturday one hour prior to services. Burial at Heber City Cemetery.